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Selectmen of Chester.

The Taxes assessed for A. D., 1874, are as follows:

Town Tax,	$2828 56	
State "	1236 00	
County "	1365 27	
School "	1081 50	
School-house Tax,	616 35	
Dog Tax,	65 00	
		$7192 68
Literary Fund,		97 99

The Selectmen charge themselves with orders drawn on the Treasurer, $5357 09

And account for the same, as follows:

State Tax,	$1236 00	
County Tax,	1365 27	
		$2601 27

School-house Tax.

Paid H. Moore and Wm. Greenough,	$600 00	
Charles Chase,	16 35	
		$616 35

Schools.

Paid Dist. No. 1,	$312 84	
2,	173 89	
3,	175 67	
4,	78 91	
5,	57 38	
6,	62 52	
7,	83 23	
8,	97 66	
9,	62 20	
10,	56 09	
1, in Auburn,	19 10	
		$1179 49

Improvements on Highways and Bridges.

James D. Lane's bill,	$29 40	
Anderson Holman's bill,	14 25	
Horace E. True, plank and labor on bridge,	39 13	
George M. West, labor,	3 12	
A. Haseltine, 2 stringers,	4 00	
Peter W. Whittemore, labor,	3 00	
Asahel Weeks, labor,	2 25	
Frederick Underhill, labor,	1 50	
Seth D. Lane, plank and labor,	7 05	
George W. Weeks, plank,	3 09	
Charles Stevens, plank,	7 08	
Franklin West, labor,	3 00	
		$116 87

Town House.

N. Gillingham, repairing stove, &c.,	$1 25	
T. J. Melvin, Glass,	24	
		$1 49

Cemetery.

N. Gillingham, repairing hearse, & pick,	$ 55	
C. H. Kent, cemetery and hearse,	4 00	
		$4 55

Breaking Roads.

Edward West's bill,	$1 80	
Daniel S. West,	7 05	
Parker Morse,	2 85	
Horace E. True,	7 50	
Joseph Johnson,	2 00	
George M. West,	12 00	
George S. Smith,	1 80	
W. P. W. Whittemore,	8 62	
Barnard P. Robie,	6 29	
Daniel Sanborn,	7 80	
Henry Mills,	13 05	
Asahel Weeks,	1 65	
Seth D. Lane,	11 25	
Frederick Underhill,	90	
George W. Weeks,	9 45	
Moses Webster,	2 40	
		$96 41

Sheep killed by Dogs.

George S. Underhill,	$5 00	
Walter R. Dolbier,	5 00	
George W. Chase,	30 00	
		$40 00

Non-Resident Taxes [Highway].

Charles and Harrison Sanborn,		$3 42
C. & H. Sanborn,	'72	3 60
David E. Richardson,	'72 & '73	13 86
John V. Emerson,	'73	1 89
Moses S. Pingree,		1 26
George Wells,		2 78
N. S. Clark,	'74	1 24
William Cushing,		1 40
Cohn G. Coult,		7 13
John Moore's heirs,		2 48
Coffin M. French,		4 03
May Page,		19
Widow May Moore,		47
John Wallace,		93
Hazen Basford,		47
David Sanborn,		2 79
Cornelius Driscall,		78
Jeremiah Crowley,		78
Moses S. Pingree,		62
N. B. Couch,		9 38
Wm. J. Moore,		62
George M. West,		4 03
W. P. W. Whittemore,		5 37
Jon. B. Sanborn,		1 40
James D. Lane,		7 91
Anderson Holman,		5 73
Peter W. Whittemore,		39
Seth D. Lane,		13
John G. Hall,		2 64
Mark Sanborn,		15 97
Ivory J. Loverings,		5 58
		$109 27

Abatements on Taxes.

Abatements on 1873 List.		
David Houston, error,	$12 39	
Andrew Whittier,	1 75	
D. C. Swain,	46	
Henry J. King,	1 75	
		$16 35
1874 List.		
Lucinda T. Towle, over taxed,	80	
Betsey Webster's heirs, over taxed,	4 44	
Frederick Wason, over 70,	1 61	
H. L. Pollard, paid part in Manchester,	2 81	
Thomas B. Batchelder, paid poll in Candia,	1 61	
S. B. Robinson, over taxed,	2 43	
A. B. Parker, cow died,	40	
J. Warren Chase, over taxed,	1 44	
A. F. B. Edwards, "	4 03	
N. Gillingham, no dog,	1 00	
Ann Randall's heirs, "	1 00	
Charles F. True, "	1 00	
John Sanborn, 2 cows died	1 12	
Rufus Sanborn, over 70,	1 61	
Simon French's heirs, error,	2 32	
Dan T. Sanborn, paid in Fremont,	1 61	
Edwin E. White, " Manchester,	1 61	
Thomas Ford place, unable,	7 67	
Amos E. Haseltine, paid in Andover,	2 22	
Simon Haseltine, dog died,	1 00	
Lewis Kimball, stear died,	52	
		$42 25

George S. Smith's List, 1871 – 72.

Samuel Rand,	'71	$3 00	
Charles Boys,		3 00	
Charles Small,		3 00	
Mark Sanborn, error,		5 00	
Mark Sanborn, "	'72	3 00	
C. and H. Sanborn, error,		9 00	
Charles Warren, no dog,		1 00	
William Tenney, dog dead,		1 00	
Amos West,		1 50	
Samuel Rand,		2 50	
George Bean,		1 50	
Andrew Whittier,		1 50	
			$35 00

Printing and Stationery.

C. F. Livingston, printing Reports, '73-4,	$30 00	
" Tax bills,	3 50	
W. H. Fisk, for blanks,	2 75	
J. N. Haseltine, for stationery,	36	
		$36 61

Guide Posts.

John Wason jr.,	$1 50	
Mark Sanborn,	1 75	
		$3 25

Watering Trough.

W. H. Underhill,	$3 00
George W. Dearborn, damage to carriage on the highway,	$8 50

Discount on Taxes.

Paid before August 1st, 1874 List,	$107 06

Overseer of the Poor.

Moses Webster, services,	$10 00

Sup't School Committee.

Rev. Charles Tenney,	$40 00

Town Treasurer.

J. W. Noyes,	$25 00

Town Clerk.

Henry Moore, services,	$12 00	
" postage,	75	
		$12 75

Auditor's Services.

William Greenough,	$2 00	
Wm. P. Underhill,	2 00	
S. S. Chamberlin,	2 00	
		$6 00

Selectmen's Services.

J. N. Haseltine,	$45 00	
Moses Webster,	26 25	
J. A. Haseltine,	25 75	
		$97 00

Selectmen's Expenses.

J. N. Haseltine,	$11 00	
Moses Webster,	12 12	
J. A. Haseltine,	13 25	
		$36 37

Collector.

J. N. Haseltine, 1873 List,	$30 00	
" 1874 "	75 00	
		$105 00
Selectmen's and Auditor's expenses,		$6 25
Jos. Dane, warming Town Hall,		$1 00
		$5,357 09

JOHN N. HASELTINE,
MOSES WEBSTER, } *Selectmen of*
JOHN A. HASELTINE, *Chester.*

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

For Samuel Whittemore.

Paid John C. Morse, for board, from Jan. 27, to July 29,	$52 00	
Henry A. Hall, for board from July 29, 1874, to Feb. 17, 1875,	58 00	
for clothes and making for same,	14 85	
		——$124 85

For Joseph Rand.

Paid Mary A. Bean, for board, from Feb. 25, to Aug. 15,	$61 25	
Simon Haseltine, for board, from Aug. 15, 1874, to Feb. 20, 1872,	67 50	
for clothes,	1 75	
		——$130 50

For Mary Lane.		
Paid Henry Moore's bill,	$26 92	
George Hook,	72	
		$27 64
For T. M. Lane.		
Paid Henry Moore's bill, to Aug. 11,	$15 30	
Moses Webster,	2 65	
		$17 95
D. L. Batchelder's bill, to putting up tramps, from Mar. 10, to April 30,		$15 00
Dr. J. F. Brown's bill, to medical attendance, Feb. 1873,		6 00
Nathaniel West's bill, board of child of Sarah A. Currier, in full,		40 00
Insane Asylum, Concord, for part board of Mrs. Londergan, from Oct. 27, '74, to Jan. 31, '75,		16 82
		$378 76
Drawn from the Treasury to balance,	$378 76	

MOSES WEBSTER,
Overseer of the Poor.

Chester, Feb. 22, 1875.

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JOHN W. NOYES, Town Treasurer, *Cr.*

1874.		
Mar. 1.	By Balance in Treasury on settlement of last year's account,	$4,060 48
11.	By cash of J. N. Haseltine, Collector, to correct an error in statement of amount due from him in last year's account,	156 72
11.	By cash of J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '73,	100 00
17.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of "	200 00
18.	refunded by D. Osgood, for aid furnished last year,	2 00
28.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '73,	200 00
Ap'l 7.	hired of Laura Spaulding (renewal),	215 60
10.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '73,	150 00
May 1.	" " "	150 00
16.	" " "	90 00
June 1.	" " "	50 00
15.	" " "	125 00
22.	hired of Martha A. Hatch (renewal),	172 38
22.	hired of Sarah Shaw,	610 00
July 6.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '74,	175 00
7.	G. S. Smith, on tax list of '71,	100 00
8.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '73,	100 00
11.	State Treasurer, Interest on State Bonds,	120 00
25.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '74,	800 00
30.	hired of Samuel Nowell,	1,000 00
Aug. 1.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '73,	200 00
1.	" " '74,	1,100 00
10.	G. S. Smith, on tax list of '72,	100 00
12.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '74,	300 00
14.	" " "	69 44
18.	Interest on State Bonds sold, 1 mo. 17 days,	31 33
31.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of 74,	150 00
Sep. 5.	" " "	39 71
24.	G. S. Smith, on tax list of '72,	100 00
Oct. 3.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '74,	137 52
31.	hired of Cong Society, Candia,	900 00
Nov. 7.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '74,	152 72
Dec. 5.	" " "	570 00
1875.		
Jan. 1.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '74,	752 49
1.	hired of Ephraim Nichols,	800 00
13.	State Treasurer, Railroad Tax,	94 15
13.	State Treasurer, Savings Bank Tax,	551 97
13.	State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	116 44
13.	G. S. Smith, on tax list	100 00
25.	hired of Sophronia Emerick,	500 00
25.	hired of Elizabeth K. Cheswell,	500 00
Feb. 6.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '74,	296 78
10.	hired of Edward Pendexter,	1,300 00
17.	J. N. Haseltine, on tax list of '74,	291 00
20.	Charles Sanborn, for tax on Lumber omitted,	2 98
"	G. S. Smith, int. on taxes collected by him,	40 00
"	G. S. Smith, on tax lists of 1871-2,	199 91
"	H. L. Gilson, poll tax omitted,	1 50
"	Joseph Dane, for use of Town Hall,	9 00
"	J. N. Haseltine, Int. collected on tax of '74,	8 42
"	" " " '3,	70 98
"	" on tax list of '73,	524 00
"	" " '4,	241 46
		$18,828 98

JOHN W. NOYES, Town Treasurer.

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Dr. The TOWN OF CHESTER, in account with

1874.

To cash paid for printing and stationery,	$36 61
Non-resident Taxes worked out,	109 27
Care of Cemetery and hearse,	4 55
Breaking Roads,	96 41
Improvements of roads and bridges,	116 87
State Tax,	1,236 00
County Tax,	1,365 27
Abatement of Taxes on lists of 1871, '72, '73, & '74,	93 60
Collecting Taxes, part of 1873, and part of '74,	105 00
Town Clerk, for services,	12 75
Superintending School Committee,	40 00
Town Treasurer's services,	25 00
Selectmen's services,	97 00
School Money,	1,179 49
School-house Tax, Dist. No. 1, & No. 1, in Auburn,	616 35
Town Debts, Notes taken up,	12,620 71
Town Debts, endorsed on Notes outstanding,	394 00
Support of Poor,	378 76
Discount on Taxes paid before Aug. 1,	107 06
Sheep killed by dogs,	40 00
Watering Trough,	3 00
Repairs on Town Hall and stove,	1 49
Warming Town Hall,	1 00
Overseer of the Poor, for services,	10 00
Selectmen's and Auditors' expenses,	42 62
Guide Boards,	3 25
G. W. Dearborn, damage sustained by breaking through bridge,	8 50
Auditors' Services,	6 00
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	78 42
	$18,828 98

STATEMENT.

The Town owes the following Debts, Interest cast to March 1st, 1875:

1865.			
April	6.	Betsey Pressy,	$89 04
July	3.	F. R. Stevens,	175 62
1867.			
Mar.	21.	Lucy A. Green,	794 29
1868.			
Oct.	20.	Sarah E. Mullett, balance,	1,381 97
	20.	Susan J. Mullett, bal.,	618 38
1869.			
April	10.	Julia A. Sanborn,	77 53
Oct.	13.	Jonathan Pressy,	205 30
	20.	Martha W. Webster,	109 25
Dec.	15.	Parker Morse,	192 19
1870.			
Jan.	7.	Daniel Sanborn,	882 18
April	16.	Mary S. Kimball,	132 85
	23.	Sophia White,	132 70
	23.	Jonathan Pressy,	132 70
May	24.	Robert Rogers,	560 62
July	30.	Mary Sanborn, bal.,	227 16
Sept.	16.	S. H. Quincy,	538 81
	16.	Lydia Cilley,	248 36
	16.	Sarah A. Haseltine,	64 84
Oct.	1.	Jane R. Brown, bal.,	599 53
	14.	Jonathan Pressy,	193 66
Dec.	13.	Jonathan Pressy,	127 86
1871.			
Jan.	7.	Robert Rogers,	382 08
May	12.	William D. Knowles,	187 23
May	23.	Mary Butterfield,	186 90

Aug.	14.	William P. Underhill,	368 97	
	27.	Daty Ann Morse,	245 47	
Dec.	22.	Mary H. Seavey, bal.,	657 03	
1872.				
Jan.	1.	Daniel S. Brown,	119 22	
	1.	James D. Lane,	380 53	
	1.	John Lane, 2nd,	109 86	
	1.	Elzira F. Nichols,	357 86	
Mar.	26.	Amos Buck, bal.,	1,055 67	
May	6.	Charles H. Knowles,	235 73	
Nov.	19.	Sarah D. Moore, bal.,	183 60	
	30.	Matilda S. True,	96 14	
Dec.	1.	John G. Hall, bal.,	127 42	
	21.	George *W.* Wilcomb,	113 65	
1873.				
Mar.	15.	John Ordway,	2,241 90	
April	8.	Benjamin P. *W*ebster,	316 86	
May	8.	Emma A. Lane,	111 16	
June	27.	Josiah H. Adams, bal ,	100 23	
Nov.	28.	William D. Knowles,	376 69	
1874.				
Feb.	12.	Lavinia J. *W*ason,	122 26	
April	7.	Laura Spaulding,	227 21	
June	22.	Martha A. Hatch,	179 51	
	22.	Sarah Shaw,	635 21	
Oct.	31.	Cong. Church, Candia,	918 00	
1875.				
Jan.	1.	Ephraim Nichols,	808 00	
	25.	Sophronia Emerick,	502 83	
	25.	Elizabeth K. Cheswell,	502 83	
Feb.	10.	Edward Pendexter,	1,303 90	
				$20,638 79

The following sums are due the town,

Balance due on tax of 1872,	$60 00	
Balance due on tax of 1873,	511 75	
Balance due on tax of 1874,	1,991 56	
Balance due from the United States,	895 00	
Balance due on two Notes against S. S. Morse,	2,019 50	
Due for property sold at Almshouse,	6 52	
6 1-4 M Shingles on hand for Town Hall,	37 50	
The widow Mary Lane Farm,	259 17	
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	78 42	
		$5,859 42

Balance against the Town,		$14,779 37
Town Debt reduced,	$1,335 37	

In last year's Statement was an item of $46 30, balance due on tax of 1870. No part of this could be collected, and it is dropped from the Statement this year.

Chester, February 22nd, 1875.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the Selectmen's, Overseer of the Poor, and Town Treasurer's accounts for the past year, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

WILLIAM GREENOUGH,
WILLIAM P. UNDERHILL, } *Auditors.*
S. S. CHAMBERLIN,

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Another year of the school history of our town has passed. Any record of it must necessarily be brief and imperfect. As in the flow of quiet waters, there is little in the course of such a history to attract public attention and remark, though the results are most important and wide-reaching.

Next to the influences of home, are those of the school in giving inspiration and direction to those immortal powers, which are the inheritance of every child; and which, to the child and to others, work incalculable weal or woe, according to their early shaping and development.

No town can therefore feel too deep an interest in the educational influences which mould its youth, or care too sedulously that they are of the highest possible order and excellence.

The following is an outline of our school history, in the different districts.

District No. 1. Money, $312,84.

N. Gillingham, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Fall Terms, 14 weeks. Winter Term, probably, 15 weeks.

Total attendance, Summer Term, 63 ; average, 57.
" Fall " 61 ; " 53 1-4.
" Winter " 68 ; " about 54.

Miss Susie D. Hazelton, has been the instructor through the year, with some assistance from Miss Mary H. Hazelton, one of her older pupils. Her task has been a difficult and arduous one, to control and instruct so large a number of pupils, in studies, and of ages so various ; but with a patient, firm and kindly hand, she has well accomplished it. A service well deserving a grateful remembrance from its recipients.

The new school building, in its new and sheltered location, proves finely adapted to its purpose. A defect in the plaster used for blackboards should be remedied before another term.

District No. 2. Money, $173,89.

J. G. Hall, Prud. Com.

Summer and Winter Terms, 22 1-5 weeks.
Total attendance, Summer Term, 32 ; average, 26.
" Winter 29 ; " 25.

Miss Ella E. Webster has taught during both terms ; closing the second a little before the expected time on account of illness. Miss W. is a very pleasant and efficient laborer in the school room, and the best results were witnessed there in the way of punctual attendance, good order and gratifying interest and progress in study. We hope she will continue in the work.

District No. 3. Money, $175,67.

Wm. Whittemore, Prud. Com.

Summer and Winter Terms, 21 weeks.
Total attendance, Summer Term, 26 ; average, 23.
" Winter 24 ; " 20.

Both terms were taught by Miss Ella L. Fitz, and were in every way successful. She is a teacher who engages with much enthusiasm in her work, and awakens a corresponding interest in her pupils. It was pleasant to see so many young men availing themselves of the advantages of the school, and by their gentlemanly demeanor and studious application encouraging and strengthening the hands of their teacher.

All in this district with whom your Committe has conversed, are unanimous in their judgment that a more suitable school room should be immediately substituted for the present one, which all know to be so uncomfortable and ill adapted to its purpose.

Let a few make a timely and proper movement in the matter, and we doubt not they will have the cooperation of all in effecting the needed change. The district cannot afford to lose that encouragement and aid which a pleasant and well arranged room would not fail to impart to both teacher and pupils.

District No. 4. Money, $78,91.

G. F. Rollins, Prud. Com.

Summer and Fall Terms, 17 weeks.

Total attendance, Summer Term, 18 ; average, 17 1-5.
" Fall 19 ; " 17 1-2.

Miss Mary E. Spollet was teacher during both terms, with excellent interest and success. The punctuality in attendance was about perfect. The large majority did not whisper without permission during the whole period of the school, good evidence of a lively interest in, and due appreciation of the school on the part of both parents and scholars. Full attendance at the examinations, and frequent visits to the school room, were further evidence of the same feeling.

District No. 5. Money, $57,38.

William Weeks, Prud. Com.

Summer Term, 12 weeks. Total attendance, 18; average, 14. Miss Julia A. Sanborn, who has so faithfully taught this school during several previous years, has been the teacher the present year, and her work still praises her.

District No. 6. Money, $62,52.

O. F. Page, Prud. Com.

Summer and Fall Terms, 12 1-2 weeks.
Total attendance, Fall Term, 9; average, 6 1-2.
" Winter 8; " 6.

This school was taught by Miss Lizzie T. Hoyt. The number of pupils was too small to feel the stimulus of competition and sympathetic ardor. But good, honest work seemed to be done by both teacher and pupils, and more could not be asked.

Might not the families in this district find it for their advantage to connect themselves with adjacent districts?

Would not the disadvantage of further travel be more than counterbalanced by the greater amount of tuition, and the exhileration of larger companionship?

District No. 7. Money, $83,23.

A. J. Merrill, Prud. Com.

Summer and Fall Terms, 16 weeks.
Total attendance, Summer Term, 31; average, 28.
" Fall 28; " 27.

The first term was taught by Miss Sarah K. Stevens. She labored very faithfully, and with fair success. It was her commencement in instruction, and the school was rather too large and taxing for a first charge.

Miss Laura A. Merrill taught the second term. The teacher was prompt and efficient in all her work. The scholars were very punctual, and attentive to theirs, and the best results were secured.

District No. 8. Money, $97,66.

John Wason 2nd, Prud. Com.

Summer and Fall Terms, 16 weeks.
Total attendance, Summer Term, 15 ; average, 12.
" Fall 19 ; " 14 1-2.

The first term was taught by Miss Nellie F. Dolber, a very competent teacher, securing a pleasant and profitable school.

The second term, under Miss Lizzie T. Hoyt, opened with good promise, but owing to the sudden illness of the teacher it closed before the time anticipated, without the usual examination. Her testimony is that "those who attended regularly, made advancement in their studies, and deserve credit for their good behavior."

District No. 9. Money, $62,20.

N. H. Currier jr., Prud. Com.

Fall Term, 12 2-5 weeks. Total attendance, 11 ; average, 10 1-2. This school under the continued and faithful charge of its former teacher, Miss Julia A Sanborn, was all which so brief a school could be. Good progress in study, and almost perfect punctuality in attendance characterized every scholar.

District No. 10. Money, $56,09.

J. A. Hook, Prud. Com.

Summer and Fall Terms, 16 3-5 weeks.
Total attendance, Summer Term, 17 ; average, 15 2-3.
" Fall 13 ; " 11 2-3.

Both terms were taught by Mrs. L. S. Hooke, the teacher who has so long done excellent service for this school. The punctuality in attendance, the interest and advancement in study, were in the highest degree commendable, and a credit alike to teacher, parents and scholars.

The Academy, under Miss Greenough's faithful and competent instruction, has afforded its valuable aid to the cause of education among us. It still lacks that pecuniary endowment which is so desirable. May it find the looked for patron, who shall establish it upon an enduring basis, and make the coming generations of Chester his grateful debtors.

In conclusion, your Committee is happy in expressing the conviction that the work of our schools, has during the past year, been well and faithfully done. Teachers, competent and devoted to their calling have had charge of them. Unusual punctuality in attendance has been secured, and more than ordinary enthusiasm has been awakened in most of them.

It has been a favorable circumstance that the same teacher has in most cases had the continuous charge of the same school, saving the loss attendant upon frequent change, and that our teachers were generally persons of previously tried capacity and love for their profession.

A change in the Reading books has proved helpful and stimulating in that important branch of education.

A larger number of visits to the schools from parents and friends, and a larger attendance at the examinations, has been a pleasant token of increased interest in most of the districts, and has tended to increase that of the teachers and pupils.

Parents should ever remember that all interest manifested by them in their children's improvement, aids greatly the teachers labors. This interest can be manifested in various ways. Visits to the school-room are expressive of it. But still more so is the home spirit and conversation when rightly directed, and the watchful home care, that nothing, if possible, shall prevent the punctual attendance of the child at the school room, and the fulfilment of all his school duties. *With* such favoring home influence the child will hardly fail to reap the full benefit of his school opportunities. *Without* it, they often prove of little value.

CHAS. TENNEY, *Supt. School Com.*